

Bateman Booster Monthly Meeting -Minutes

Wednesday, Nov 2, 2022 - 6:00pm

Bateman Auditorium

Welcome! Formal Mission, Achievements

- Bateman Boosters is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to supporting our community school. We are parents, neighbors and community friends committed to enhancing the learning experience for all Bateman students through fundraising. All are welcome.
- Since 2016, Bateman Boosters have had the pleasure of raising more than \$125,000. Thanks to our community and our incredible sponsors we have been able to support the fine arts program, replace the auditorium curtains (from the 50's!), install an electronic message board, purchase new classroom libraries, provide a gymnasium barrier, and install modern water fountains with bottle filling stations, and purchase promethean boards for each classroom.
- With your generous support we hope to reach our highest annual fundraising goal ever in 2022-23, \$65,000.
- As always, the use of these funds is coordinated with our school administration and staff with an aim at projects that benefit all students in every grade level. Our goal for this year impacts the entire Bateman community as we raise funds for Stage 2 of the Auditorium upgrades, including upgrades to the Audio/Visual setup and the seating.

Executive Board

1. Kjustin Glessner-President, BOOOsterfest Chair
2. Jennifer Woosley - Vice President, Social Media & Marketing, Pledge Drive Chair
3. Monica Zilz - Secretary, BOOOsterfest Co-Chair, Website
4. Kyla Wenger - Treasurer, Outdoor Enrichment Chair, Grant Writing Chair

Board Members at Large

1. Molly Maier - *Spring Fling Online Auction Chair*
2. Sugandhi Chugani - *Spring Fling Online Auction Co-Chair*, Digital Sign
3. Elise Jaffe - Sponsorships & Business Directory Co-Chair
4. Julia Wylie-Bryant - Community Care Chair
5. Jess Hess-Follander - Teacher & Staff Appreciation / Back to School Chair
6. Cassandra Kittler - Dine to Donate Chair
7. Meagan Grant - Spring Fling Event Chair, Website
8. Sarah Hammer - Volunteer Coordination /Community Building + Outreach Chair
9. Sara Herman - Teacher & Staff Appreciation, Volunteer coordinator, and Spring Fling co-chair.
10. Vanessa Padecky- Shop To Donate Chair
11. Meg Dempsey - Business Directory & Sponsorships Co-Chair

Current chair or co-chair needs:

- Community directory chair
- Outdoor Enrichments co-chair
- Spring Fling Auction Chair

WELCOME!!

Treasurer's Report

Current Balance: \$32,848.05 (33,273.05 including pending transactions)

Profit Since Last Meeting: \$6,173.58

- Income: \$
 - Boosterfest: \$5,398.58 (contributions from vendors & stripe (QR) incomplete)
waiting for 3 vendors to give 15% back. Some expenses still coming in.
 - Dine to Donate: \$425 (Mikos)
 - Mix 'n Mingle: \$350
- Expenses:
 - Boosterfest: Father's Club, Haunted House, TBD
- Total Pledge Drive Contributions 8/26/22 - 11/1/22: \$1701.52 (no change since last mtg.)
Amount Still Needed: \$1,798.48 Maybe push Pledge Drive a little bit more. Only half way to goal..
- Ongoing: An official complaint has been filed with IL Attorney General against Brown Paper Tickets which owes us \$4,540 from the canceled Spring Fling 2020

Boosterfest

Chair: Kjirstin Glessner

Co-Chair: Monica Zilz

HUGE Success! 4 Vendors + 2 sponsors giving free drinks/snacks

Games, activities, teacher pumpkin contest, Pie in the Face, Raffles, Haunted House & Jurassic Adventure

Post Event

- Counting tickets; cash, electronic payments (Kyla Wenger)
- Organizing parent org closet. Admin gave us a second closet for Haunted House items. If anyone has any extra large storage bins we could use them.
- Preparing Thank you Blast and emails. Lots of people to thank! Put Here's how to get involved in Boosters as part of the Thank you. Maybe add Google Sign up at bottom of the email.
- Sell water. Boosters can do so for about a \$1
- Do older grades have service hours? Some volunteers needed relief - Performers, Leads for games. Can older kids fill in.
- Do more to be kind to ourselves - a volunteer snacks and water
- Coordinate volunteers prior to event - Zoom with instructions and on day of duties.
- Signs for Haunted House
- Christian - clean up staff
- Kate - many parents and families coming up to them this week saying how great the event was on Saturday.

Overall we felt much more organized this year. Took even more notes so that future chairs can just jump right in.

—P&L

We asked admin & leads for feedback.

Feedback from anyone else is appreciated.

Volunteer Coordination /Community Building + Outreach

Chair: Sarah Hammer

Co-Chair: Sara Herman

- Stakeholder Convos
 - All parent group meetup
- Bateman Playdates:
 - 11/5: 10:30-12

- With Coffee Cart - Saturday during Craft Sale
- Comedy Night at Kedzie Inn ?!
 - TBD Maybe reach out to John directly to see if that's something he can help coordinate. Maybe in February
 - Maybe Davis theatre will host something.
 - Mexican Bingo - maybe at the school. A get together. - Kate - said they do it on International Night and have mentioned that they want to do a separate night.

Back to School Pledge Drive 2022-2023

Chair: Jennifer

- Goal is \$3,500 for new audio equipment in the Auditorium; Thank you to all who have donated we're half way there; Any amount helps, please give!
- We can do it - PLEASE DONATE AND SPREAD THE WORD!
 - ☒ ~~Back to School Events~~
 - ☐ Social Campaign - In Progress
 - ☐ Buzz Blast & Bateman Buzz; Jen to schedule with Monica

Dine to Donate

Chair: Cassandra

Co-Chair: Vanessa (Shop)

Goal: Monthly Dine to Donate / Quarterly Shop to Donate

- Which restaurants/shops were the most successful?
 - Miko's, Easy Street, Angelo's
 - Boon Supply
- Any local businesses we missed last year that we should include this year?
 - Alebrije- called several times no response
- Wednesday, August 10: Portillo's \$291
- Easy Street, 8/30 \$353
- Miko's Thursday 9/15 2pm - 9pm 100% \$425
- Something Sweet Donuts 9/23 \$135
- Angelo's 10/5-10/6 20% \$1615 - Mention Bateman when buying gift cards will give 10% back
- Sonic - Zach said it was a bit disappointing. Not enough turnout. Maybe we can offer to do a Spring night. Usually better when it is day off
- Mima's 11/8 and 11/9
- Eris Brewery 11/30
- McDonalds 1/11 5pm-7pm
- Hearth & Crust maybe 1/25 or 1/26 - Not confirmed as of yet. Still trying to figure out staffing and dates that work
- Skip the month of December

Shop to Donate

Chair: Vanessa

- Boon Supply - Month of November (40% comes back to us). I have lookbooks for the fundraiser too. Will have QR codes and Links. Search for Bateman Boosters will bring up Boon too. Send digital promos to Kate and Jen and exec board.
- Kendra Scott - Sat, Dec 11th, 5-7pm - Saturday 10th, 20% will go back. Will have an online. Is there a code for online shopping?
- The Book Cellar - April, exact date
- TBDOnline Bateman Apparel store - Monica and I need to talk with other schools about

- their suggestions
- Ongoing champaign Mabel's Labels - Link it with the Lost and Found

Sponsorships

Chair: Elise

Co-Chair: Meg

- Elise to check in with sponsors who were at Boosterfest to see how they felt about the event to gather learnings for next year. - Sponsors at events - Hound Custom, Andrade, Music House and Somethin Sweet
- Meg and Elise to review social calendar and schedule profile interviews

Community Business Directory

Chair: Meg

Co-Chair: Elise

- Elise/Meg/Monica to schedule an in-person meeting to handle:
 - Removing last year's sponsors who did not return and are not within a mile. To be done by Nov.
 - Additional tweaking / updating of the hearts
 - Customized URL
- Form to fill out to be added:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc7w151bOFEHoulhA-F5rc2jhcHS4rVEVemj7jMzIE74wCM2g/viewform?c=0&flr=0&qxids=7628&vc=0&w=1>
- Started a Prospect list. Will want to send a Blast to get more involved.

Community Care

Chair: Julia

- Families in Need
 - \$1,155 raised (in gift cards) to date
- Family Tree Donations:
 - \$940 vouchers provided to date
 - Oct 15 - 10am - 2pm weather permitting
 - Hired a person to be their community outreach coordinator reached out to all partners to see how better to work together. Will be getting another round of vouchers soon.
 - P-EBT were reloaded. Could we do donations for Thanksgiving Drive. Purchase your own groceries and buy a gift card to donate back to school food drive.
 - How many vouchers do we have at the school? Could we include vouchers in the donation to the Pledge drive.
 - BAC/PAC buy kits for the Thanksgiving drive and give the kits to the families along with gift cards that have been donated.

Digital Sign on Richmond

Sugandhi

- Keep them coming! 6 messages displayed in September (birthdays and anniversaries)

Outdoor Enrichment

Chair: Kyla

Playground:

- Parent Campaign for Playground Replacement Email Addresses (PLEASE SHARE):
 - Sylvia Garcia (Director of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)) - (217)782.7500 (Springfield), (312) 814-7179 (Chicago) - <https://dceo.illinois.gov/contactus.html>
 - Cristina Pacione-Zayas (IL Senator, 20th District) - (217) 782-8191 (Springfield), (773) 278-2020 (District) - <https://www.senatorpacionezayas.com/contact-us>
 - Rossana Rodriguez (33rd Ward Alderperson) - rossana@33rdward.org
 - Pedro Martinez (CPS CEO) - pmartinez3@cps.edu
 - Ivan Hansen (CPS Chief of Facilities) - ihansen2@cps.edu
 - Jamel Chambers (CPS Manager of Intergovernmental Affairs) - jdchambers3@cps.edu
 - Chuck Swirsky (CPS Senior Advisor, Chief Executive Office) - cbswirsky@cps.edu
 Email fr. Chuck Swirsky: "We (CPS leadership team) are very well aware of the issues and have promised to fix it." "The issue with the state funding is it needs to be front loaded and is not reimbursable. We are pushing DCEO to release the grant so any help with that would be greatly appreciated. Sylvia Garcia is the Director of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Department" "We have a draft plan design and once the funding is allocated we can discuss the project and scope."
 - Jaime Andrade's Office (IL 40th District State Rep) - info@staterep70.com
- 33rd Ward Communication/Support Update
- **Gardens/Outdoor Classrooms:**
- Next: Community Workday Dec. 3rd - 1pm to 3pm (open to different time suggestions) - plan is to put remaining garden beds to rest, prep outdoor classrooms for winter
- Garlic Bulbs Received for Classroom Planting
- Tulip Bulbs Ordered for Classroom Planting

Grant Writing


Chair: Kyla

Co-Chair: Open

- 18 Grants Available for Theatre Equipment & How to Apply
<https://illuminated-integration.com/blog/grants-for-theater-equipment/>

Social Updates

Chair: Jennifer

- Calendar Copy:  Social Media Calendar & Copy 2022-2023
- What's coming up? Please send copy, details, images to jennifergrunstad@gmail.com
- NEED BOOsterfest Copy/Images
 - ☒ ~~Sponsor Shout Outs; Scheduled & In Progress~~
 - ☒ ~~Sonic; Scheduled; Upcoming~~
 - ☐ Playground Playdate
 - ☐ Scratch Off Lottery Raffle
 - ☐ Back to School Pledge Drive (ongoing)
 - ☐ Mabel's Labels (ongoing)
 - ☐ Join Us Monthly Meetings
 - ☒ ~~BOOsterfest Call for Haunted House Items~~
 - ☒ ~~Miko's~~

- ☒ ~~Donation Drop~~
- ☒ ~~Mix N Mingle~~
- ☒ ~~Angelo's~~
- ☒ ~~Somethin' Sweet~~
- ☒ ~~Easy Street~~
- ☒ ~~Call for Sponsors~~
- ☒ ~~Genevieve Shop 4 Schools~~

Spring Fling 2023

Auction Chair: Vanessa Pedecky

Auction Co-Chair: **Julia Bryant**

Event Chair: Meagan Grant

Event Co-chairs: Sara Herman & Ashley Gilday

- 2023 Date/Venue-Burning Bush will begin to book new event space in November. Meagan sent email about seeing new space/discussing dates.
- Capacity is 200 - **New space. Last year 150.**
- Date TBD
- **Need to choose a date. They will start bookings in November. Looking at Friday May 12th. Father's Club has Pancakes and cartoons on the 13th. Mother's Day**
- **Recommendations on food. Will be all inside? Different food trucks**
- **Auction items - Classroom art.**
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Website

Chair: Monica

- Updating as needed with events

Superbowl Squares/scratch-off

Chair: Sinead

Scratch-off scheduled for Thanksgiving, if you can donate \$5-10 in scratch-offs please give them to Sinead asap.

Teacher & Staff Appreciation - May 1-5, 2023

Chair: Jess

Co-Chair: Sara Herman

Committee: Julia, Jennifer, Maria Taylor, Sarah Hammer

Looking forward to potentially getting more sponsors and volunteers to make 2023 even better!

- Start brainstorming new ideas for 2023
- Any sponsors want to commit to a lunch or something else?
- **Maybe Father's club will like to do a day**

Old Business

- Back to School Events update

New Business

Comments & Announcements

- Administration
 - Updates -

- A lot going on
- LSC report - thinking of sharing. LSC minutes will be available next month
- Yearbook sales open till January
- Fundraiser for 8th grade - Chicago Experience instead of a DC trip. Lunch on Odyssey.
- Quarter 1 celebrations - Showcase
- Quarterly celebrations for Core Values Challenge
- Keychain system so kids acquire a chain throughout the year. Promote good behavior and Blaze Ways.
- New Sign on front of school - Technology grant awarded for engineering.
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- Sponsors
 - Updates
 - Elise - Big Teeth Short Film Festival - Zachary Hotel Thursday 10th. Tickets are \$15 www.bigteethsmallshorts.com
- Parent Organizations
 - PAC/BAC
 - Craft Sale 11/5, 10am-3pm. Tell your friends and share the posts pretty please!
 - Thanksgiving monetary donation drive, now through the 16th
 - Next scheduled PAC and BAC meeting: November 11th, 2022 from 9:00-10:30am. Presenting on CPS Online Database for the PAC meeting, and on the status of the bilingual and dual language program at the BAC meeting.
 - Father's club: Meetings every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 at Kedzie Inn. Next meeting 11/17. Looking to do a quarterly family volunteer activity, anyone have any ideas?

Upcoming Meetings

THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH @ 6pm in Bateman Auditorium

- December 7th
- January 11th (second Wednesday due to winter break)
- February 1st

Thank you for joining! Your questions, feedback and ideas are always welcome! Here's how to find us:

- FriendsofBateman.org
- FriendsofBateman@gmail.com
- @BatemanBoosters

Attendees:

Meg Dempsey

Monica Zilz

Kjirstin Glessner

Kyla Wenger

Elise Jaffee

Katie Cleland

Cassandra Kittler
Allison Ramos
Vanessa Padecky
Julia Bryant
Mary Ann Dyar
Megan Grant
Molly Meijer
Kate Kloepper
Sinead Gallagher